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Feedback from the Field

“I got off of Active duty in January 1999 and not only changed jobs, but career fields as well; going from Military Police into Information Technology. Fortunately for me, the Army started its e-Learning program shortly thereafter and I have been participating in the program since it started. Being in the National Guard, I jumped at the opportunity to be given “free” training in my new career field.

In November 1999, I completed and passed the A+ course and since have completed numerous courses from Microsoft Office to Security + and I am still taking more today. I took and passed both my Network+ and Security+ certification tests between deployments.

I have since retired from the National Guard and have attained the position of System Administrator / Information Management Officer for the Battle Command Training Program - Operations Group Charlie. I have been to "School House" training and have found that the Army's e-Learning courses, with a good study guide, are just as good if not better as a School House course. Keep Up the good work”.

Paul Bartoszek - System Administrator / Information Management Officer
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If you have a good news story you would like to share, email us at: army.elearning@us.army.mil

Helpful Resources

• Registration, Login, Password, or Contract Management Assistance.

Email: army.elearning@us.army.mil / Commercial Phone: 703-373-1383 or 1347

• ATRRS Issues.

Web: www.atrrs.army.mil/help / DSN: 225-2060 / Commercial Phone: 703-695-2060

• AKO Issues.

Web: www.us.army.mil / FAQs/Help section / DSN: 654-4357 / Commercial Phone: 877-256-8737

• Downloading or Accessing Courseware

Email: skillport_armyelearning@skillsoft.com / Commercial Phone: 866-562-4777

• Distributed Learning System.

Web: www.dls.army.mil / Email: pm.dls@us.army.mil / DSN: 826-4125 / Commercial Phone: 757-369-2888

• Skillsoft Customer Assistance (other than registration & password)

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Welcome to the e-Learner!

Our intent is to provide you the latest information about the Army e-Learning Program. The information in this publication supports the Soldier and DA Civilian by leveraging Army e-Learning as well as distributed Learning (dL) initiatives to implement best practices in the training community that make training more accessible, easier and more effective to improve your mission performance and self-development.

We are always looking for your comments and suggestions, not just about this publication, but about everything and anything having to do with dL training. We are here to serve YOU! Email your questions and comments to pm.dls@us.army.mil

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What’s New in Army e-Learning?

Learning Sparks, Exciting New Content added to the IT Security Knowledge Center

Learning Sparks are innovative, instructional products that engage learners in dynamic, highly interactive scenarios. Utilizing learning techniques such as first-person video narration, drag-and-drop network simulations, and multiple choice questions with feedback, Sparks are a concise new learning modality that provides opportunities to practice and reinforce targeted IT skills. Learning Sparks, designed primarily for information technology subjects, will be available in the MSCE/MCSA Knowledge Center and will be added to the IT Security Knowledge Center. To access Learning Sparks, log-in to Army e-Learning at <https://usarmy.skillport.com> , click on the Knowledge Center link at the top of the page.

New One Hour Army e-Learning Courses

Based on feedback received during various conferences that users were interested in shorter courses, Skillsoft is now developing one hour courses for some of the most popular business courses. Some of the subjects are Leadership Essentials, Business Grammar, Business Writing, Communication Skills, and Team skills. 40 courses are planned for development and are expected to be released at the end of FY09.

Recurring / Annual Training Requirements

Do you have a requirement to complete a course in Army e-Learning each year? If so, users can now add the course to their MyPlan to complete it on a recurring basis and receive a new certificate each year. Click on the following link for detailed instructions www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/16665666 or go to the Army e-Learning portal page on AKO at www.us.army.mil , click on My Education (under Self Service).

New Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK) 4th Edition

SkillSoft began releasing courseware aligned to the Project Management Institute’s (PMI’s) new PMBOK 4th Edition in March of this year. They anticipate completion of the full 28 course certification preparation path in July. The new courses can be used in preparation for the 4th Edition exam available after July 1, 2009. Mentoring will be available in August 2009, and a Test Prep is targeted to release in late September 2009. Users planning to take the PMP exam prior to June 30, 2009, should continue to use the existing PMBOK Third Edition courses. The new release of *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) 4th Edition* is also now available as a full-text book in Books 24x7.



New Course Catalog

Click the link below to see the new course catalog, now over 4,300 courses! We are continually adding new courses to Army e-Learning. <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/17651823> (AKO ID & Password required)

You can also download a copy at: <https://usarmy.skillport.com>

Books 24x7 Top 5 Titles

- 1. CompTIA Security+ Study Guide, Deluxe Edition – 2,003
- 2. CompTIA A+ Complete Study Guide (Exams 220-601, 220-602, 220-603, 220-604) – 1,733
- 3. CISSP: All-in-One Exam Guide, Fourth Edition – 1,677
- 4. CCNA: Cisco Certified Network Associate Study Guide, Sixth Edition, (Exam 640-802) – 1,614
- 5. CompTIA A+ Certification All-in-One Desk Reference for Dummies – 1,473

Rosetta Stone® - Top 5 Courses

- 1. Spanish (Lat. Am) – 94,748
- 2. German – 49,830
- 3. English – 35,298
- 4. French – 27,357
- 5. Spanish (Spain) – 18,507

Army e-Learning Program Wins 2009 Innovations in Learning Award for Public Sector Excellence in Learning

This award recognizes DLS for developing and implementing a best in class integrated learning program that delivers demonstrated results, and designates our program as "exceptional in concept and execution."

Special recognition goes to our Deputy PM, Stan Davis. Not only does he serve as my Deputy, but Stan is also the Army e-Learning Project Officer. It's through his work with the e-Learning program that we have the honor of accepting this award.

Rosetta Stone® Releases Version 3 for Foreign Language Courses

We are excited to announce that Rosetta Stone® foreign language version 3 of Latin, Tagalog, Turkish and Vietnamese courses are now available to Army users through the Army e-Learning Program. This raises the total to 26 version 3 courses.

Rosetta Stone® version 3 is a next-generation language-learning program that unleashes the power of technology to create an environment that accelerates language learning and provides quantifiable measurements of success. New innovative technology features include advanced speech recognition technology that gets learners speaking from the start, and an intuitive user interface that captivate learners and keeps them engaged in learning.

The version 2 of the above languages will remain on the Army e-Learning site for several months to allow users to continue their progress and finish current units. Version 2 for Danish, Indonesian, Pashto, Swahili, Thai, and Welsh are still available. Version 3 for these languages will be coming soon.

Users should refer to the version 3 Transition Guide at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/13677077>, to assist in the transition.

***ALSO NOW AVAILABLE, LEVEL 4 AND LEVEL 5 FOR ROSETTA STONE ENGLISH (US) AND SPANISH (LATIN AMERICAN)**

Books 24x7 On-The-Go Feature Adds Convenience

Imagine downloading an important piece of information while out in the field, as you are heading into a meeting, or waiting for your flight. It’s not always convenient to fire-up your laptop if you’re on a mission, but Books 24x7 On-The-Go makes it convenient!

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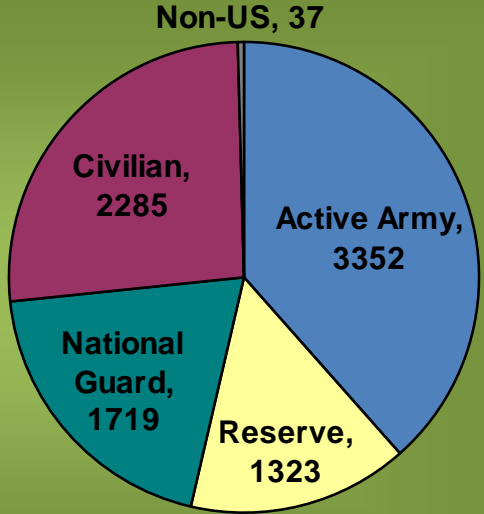
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Enrollment Roll-Up for July 2009

- New users: 8,716
- Total users to date: 707,926
- Rosetta Stone® new users: 5,406
- Total users to date: 236,346
- Army e-Learning Top 5 Courses
 - 1. The No Fear Act – 98,994
 - 2. The No Fear Act 2008 – 53,520
 - 3. Windows XP: Fundamentals – 31,449
 - 4. Encryption Technologies – 30,303
 - 5. IP Testing and Routing – 28,995



Software Spotlight

Deploying Windows Vista

This course discusses the deployment infrastructure for enterprise environments and the different deployment methods that can be used to deploy Windows Vista, either by upgrading or performing cleaning installations. It also demonstrates how to prepare the target computers for installation, perform deployments of Windows Vista using an image, and carry out post-installation tasks.

Audience: Support personnel for Windows Vista; Technical professionals.

Prerequisites: 3 - 5 years experience as tier 2 or team-lead/technical desktop support technician; passed an entry level desktop support exam, such as 70-620 TS: Microsoft Windows Vista, Configuring; hands on experience with Windows Vista deployment, managing security, troubleshooting network-related issues.

Lesson Objectives: Overview of Windows Vista Deployment Methods; Determine a Deployment Method for Windows Vista; Choosing a Method to Deploy Windows Vista; Preparing for a Windows Vista Deployment; Getting Ready to Deploy Windows Vista; Deploy a Desktop Image for Windows Vista; Perform Post-Installation Tasks for Windows Vista; Performing a Deployment and Post-Installation tasks.